

# **MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## **MUSEUM AND EDUCATION PROGRAM**

### **PROGRAM CONTACTS**

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### **WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES**

The Museum and Education Program of the Montana Historical Society (MHS) consists of Collections, Exhibits, Education Offices. The Museum and Education Program is responsible for the care, preservation and management of the Society's art and three-dimensional artifact collections (historic, ethnographic, and archeological); it provides educational public programming of all types (lectures, workshops, guided tours, self-guided tours, hands-on learning activities, etc.) both at its headquarters and throughout the state for a wide range of audiences; it plans and produces interpretive permanent, temporary and traveling exhibitions; it administers the Original Governor's Mansion, an historic house museum, in Helena; it manages the historic art and tour programs of the Montana State Capitol.

### **Statutory Authority For Program**

#### **MHS**

MCA 22-3-101-442

#### **Museum Loan Act**

MCA 22-3-501-523      Museum Loan Act

#### **Local Management of Historic Sites and Buildings**

MCA 22-3-601-603      Maintenance & Management of Historic Buildings

#### **Montana Repatriation Act**

MCA 22-3-901-921      Montana Repatriation Act

#### **Capitol Complex Master Plan Act**

MCA 2-17-801-813

MCA 2-17-803      Capitol complex advisory council

MCA 2-17-805 (3)      The Montana historical society shall protect and preserve the permanent artwork in the capitol and request funding for periodic inspection, maintenance, and repair of the artwork from the trust fund established in 15-35-108 for protection of works of art in the state capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects.

MCA 2-17-809      Lewis & Clark expedition sculpture

MCA 2-17-813      Certain items entrusted to the Montana historical society.

#### **Cultural & Aesthetic Grants**

MCCA 22-2-301-321

MCA 22-2-203      Rulemaking Authority. (1) The Montana Historical Society and the Montana Arts Council shall adopt rules that specify the criteria the advisory committee shall use when evaluating and making recommendations on cultural and aesthetic grant proposals submitted to the legislature.

#### **Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act**

MCA 22-3-801-811

### **Federal Laws**

#### **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) - 1990.**

To assure that museums who receive federal funds notify all tribes of the objects in their collection that are believed to have originated from their group. If tribes respond, they may begin the process of negotiating repatriation of any items that are 1) sacred; 2) objects that have cultural patrimony; 3) materials removed from burials; and 4) human remains.

## **HOW SERVICES ARE PROVIDED**

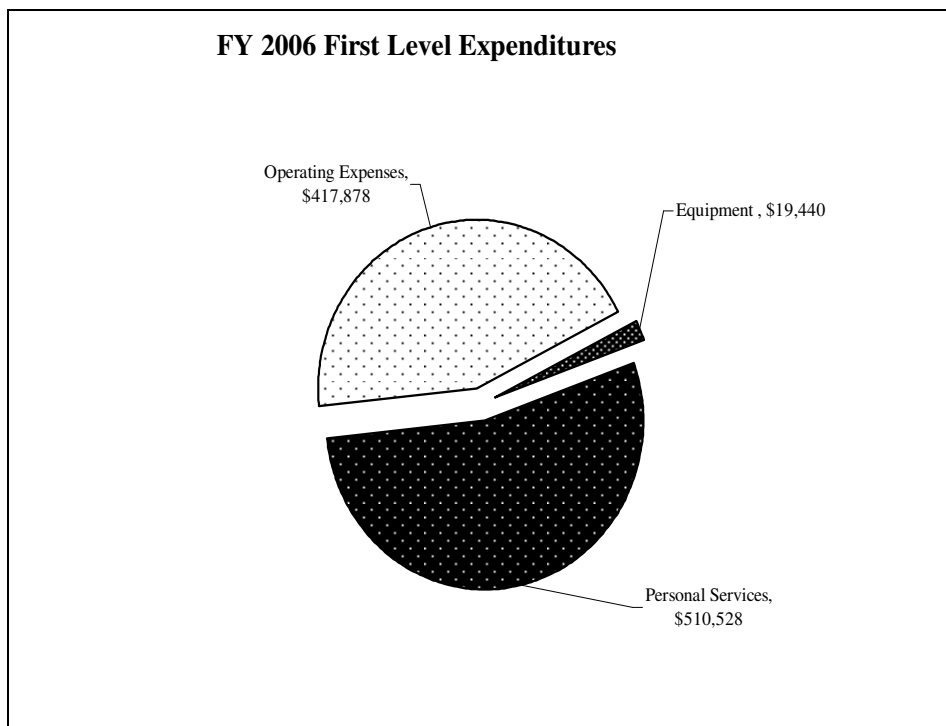
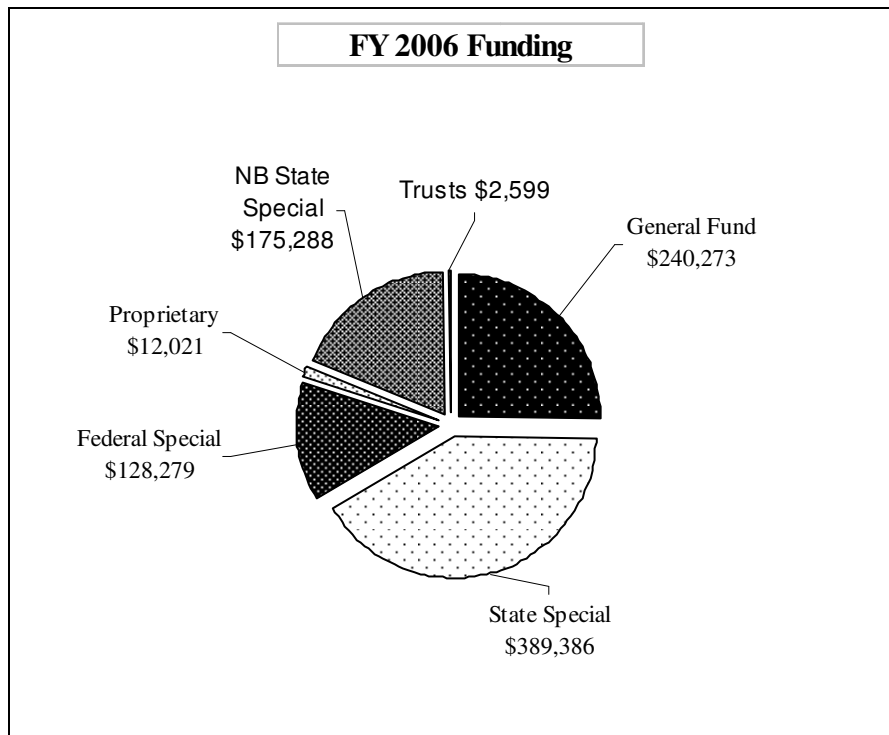
The Museum and Education Program is organized into three sections with the following functions:

The Museum and Education Program is responsible for activities at *Montana's Museum*, the Scriver Center, the Original Governor's Mansion, and the State Capitol Complex; it consists of Curatorial, Exhibits, and Education.

- **Curatorial:** collects fine art, historical, and ethnological artifacts that pertain to Montana. Over 60,000 historical items are held in trust and preserved for the future. Collections are acquired, registered, cataloged, documented, and stored according to museum standards. We interpret Montana's history by conducting research, writing exhibit interpretation, presenting public programs, answering research inquiries from the public, and providing technical assistance to other cultural institutions, schools, and interested individuals.
- **Exhibits:** produces and maintains all of the Society's exhibits—both in-house & traveling. Exhibit construction is done in-house; specialized elements are contracted out. Graphic design for the museum's printed materials and signage is done by exhibits staff. Public areas are updated and maintained by staff; lighting, public accessibility and security are areas of concern. Storage improvements, conservation/preservation, and restoration projects are planned and implemented by curatorial and exhibit staff.
- **Education:** provides educational programming including: tours, school services, conferences, workshops, classes, and public events. We serve a diverse audience throughout the state, so offer a variety of resources that enhance traditional learning environments. Tours of the museum, the Capitol building, and the Original Governor's Mansion are presented to school students and other groups. Public programs and events year-round include: evening programs, exhibit openings, special events and the annual Montana History Conference. We provide teachers curriculum resources meeting Montana Education Standards for use in the classroom. A staff coordinator directs volunteers who assist the Society in all operational areas.

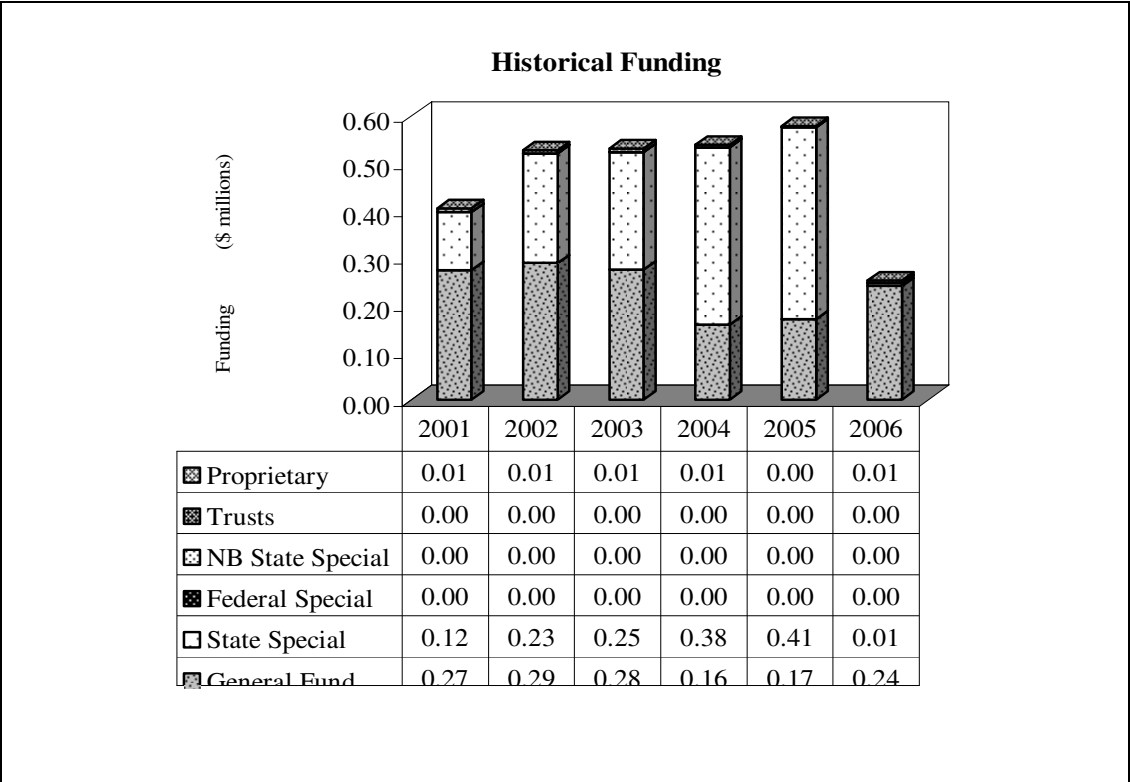
## Spending and Funding Information

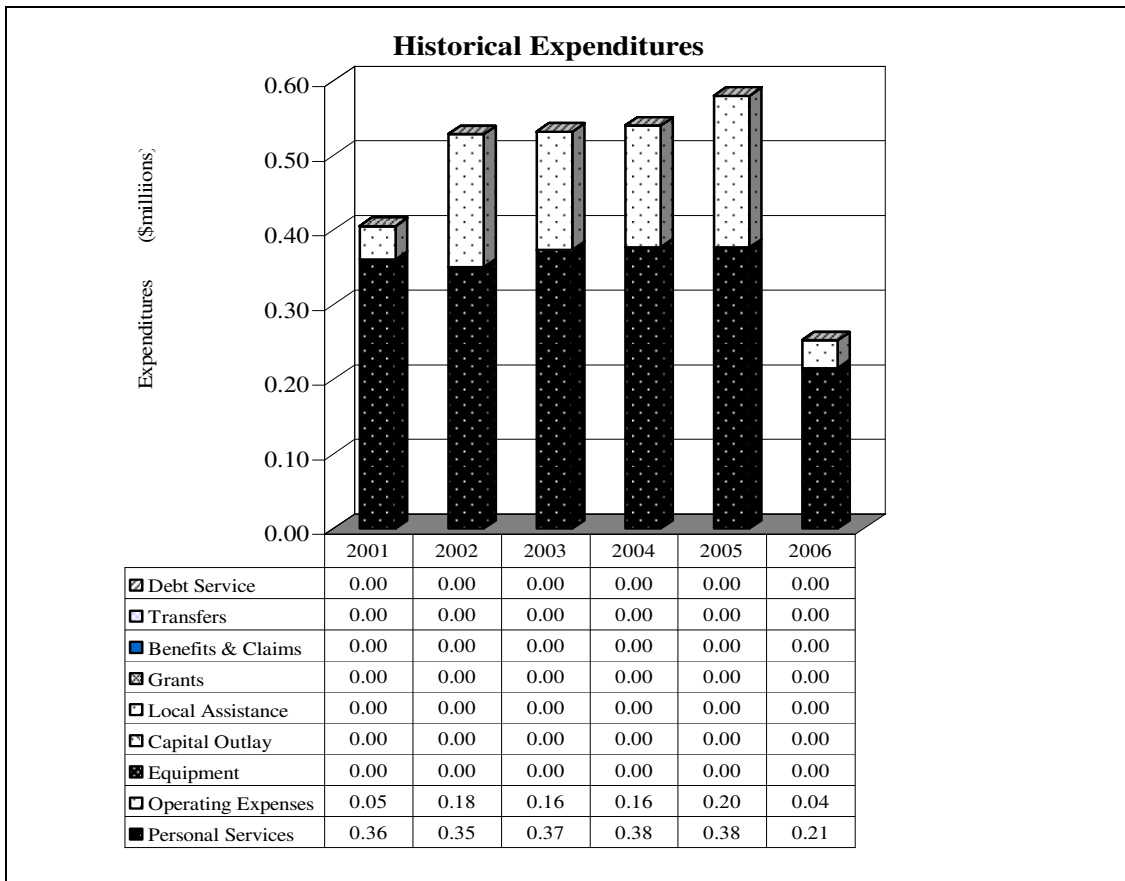
The following figures show funding and expenditure information for FY 2006 for all sources of funding of the Museum and Education Program. Because the figures include all sources of funding there are no direct relationships between these figures and appropriation levels presented in the Budget Analysis for the 2007 Biennium.



The above information does not include administrative appropriations. The Museum Program had an administrative appropriation for \$4,525 in fiscal year 2006 funded by Montana Arts Council for the purpose of expending HB9 grant 1103 to conduct oral history interviews with returning Montana soldiers who served in various military branches and campaigns from 2001 to 2004. The administrative appropriation was fully spent in fiscal year 2006. Departmental indirect charges are not included as expenditures or revenues in the above tables.

The following figures show funding and expenditures from FY 2001 through FY 2006, for HB2 funding.





The change in revenues and expenditures between fiscal 05 and 06 resulted from 1) Language appropriations for \$390,000, private funds/trusts for \$175,000, and \$128,000 in federal grants, which are included in HB4 for 2009 biennium.

# 2007 BIENNIUM NEW PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRAM EXPANSION

## Program Expansion

No new programs were added to the MHS Museum Program in the 2007 biennium.

## FTE

The legislature approved no additional FTE in the 2007 Biennium.

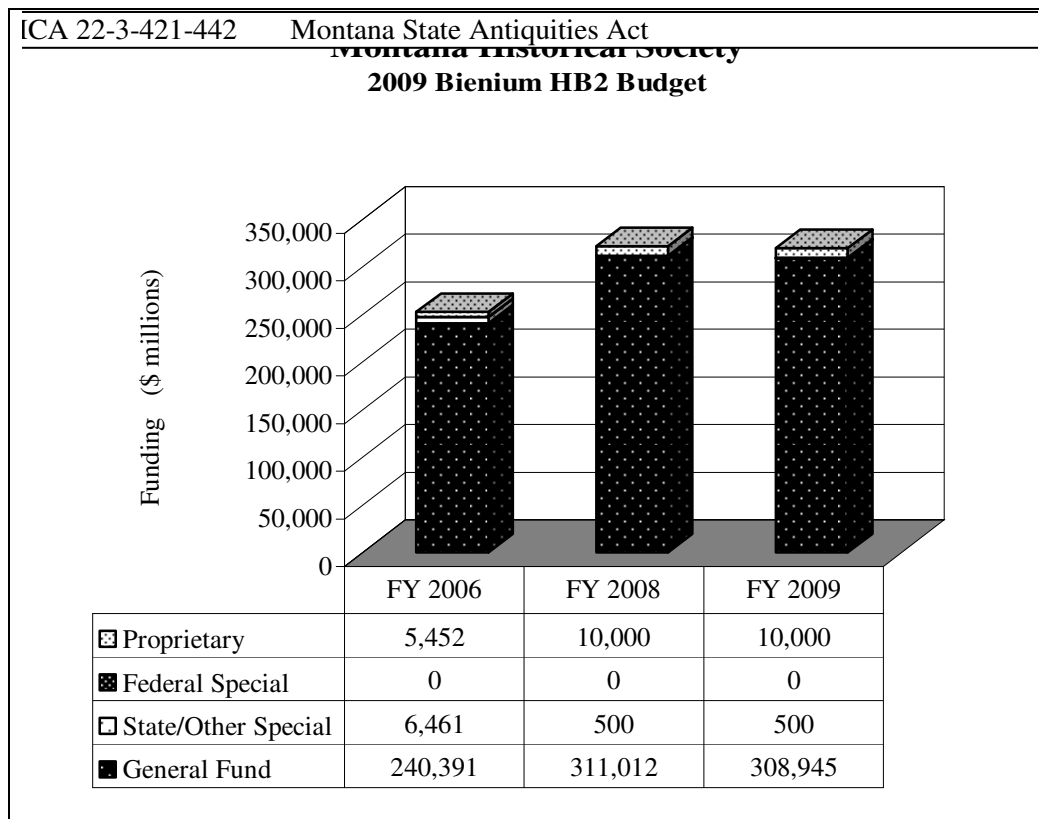
2007 Biennium FTE Hire Dates	FTE	Date
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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS

The corrective action plan is discussed in the agency overview section.

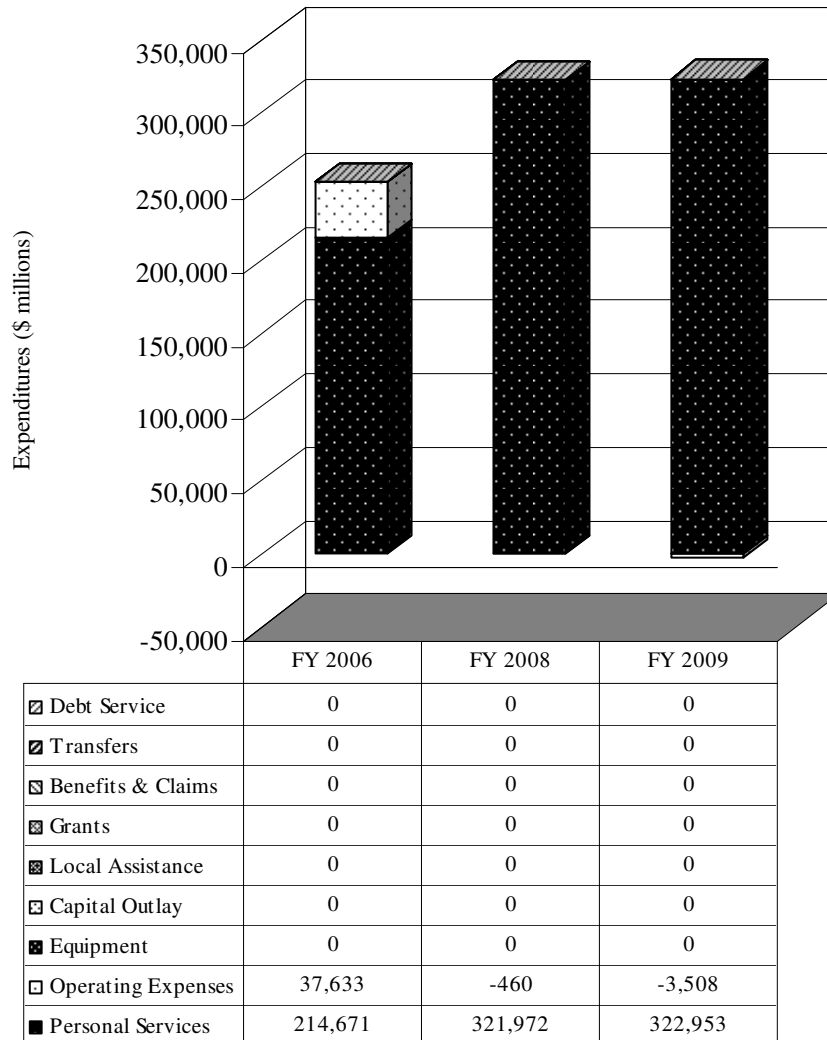
## 2009 BIENNIUM BUDGET

The following figures show the proposed HB2 budget for the 2009 biennium.



## Montana Historical Society

### 2009 Bienium HB2 Budget



## Goals and Measurable Objectives

The following figure shows the Museum and Education Program base year and budgeted biennium goals and performance measures that are associated with the proposed 2009 biennium HB2 budget.

Montana Historical Society Museum and Education Program		
Measurable Objectives for the 2009 Biennium		
Goal	Measurable Objectives	Current status of Measures
Preservation of art and artifacts held in trust for the public by the museum through collections care, collections management, preservation efforts and conservation projects.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continual - part of daily curatorial work</li> <li>2. Track specific projects annually</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Provide quality exhibits and educational programming for our statewide and national audiences at Montana's Museum, the Original Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of exhibits provided annually</li> <li>2. Number of programs provided annually</li> <li>3. Annual attendance figures-i.e. museum/tours/events</li> <li>4. Evaluations</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Provide accurate information on historical and technical subjects to individuals, representatives of cultural organizations, governmental agencies, the educational community, and others	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of inquiries answered annually</li> <li>2. Number of outreach programs annually</li> <li>3. Number of educational products provided to Montana schools</li> <li>4. Feedback from those served and evaluations</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Develop and improve the museum's permanent collection through the acquisition of art and artifacts appropriate to the mission of the Society, i.e., items that pertain to the history and culture of Montana and the geographic region.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of donations and items added to permanent collection (with assessment of historical value) annually</li> </ol>	Work in progress
Protect and preserve the permanent artwork in the State Capitol, and within the Capitol Complex, by inspecting, maintaining, and arranging for conservation of the art, in addition to the care and preservation of art items removed from the Capitol.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monthly inspections and maintenance</li> <li>2. Implement plan for continuing conservation as necessary</li> </ol>	Work in progress



## **BUDGET AND POLICY ISSUES**

The following budget proposals are included in the Museum Program budget submission to the Governor's Office.

A present law adjustment removing state special revenue fund increases from MHS budget to eliminate a double appropriation between Department of Commerce and the Society. This decision package eliminates the double appropriation of lodging facility tax while maintaining the intent of the legislature as stated in HB2 language.

The budget proposal included the addition of 1.3 FTE registrar positions to assist in managing the Society collection. This is a recommendation from last two legislative audit reports.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES EXPANDED**

The Office of Budget and Program Planning did not include the increase in lodging facility use tax for the increase in the operating costs of the Scriver collection. Past legislatures have funded all costs for the Scriver collection. The Society would need approximately \$20,000 to cover the increase in costs.

Cataloguing the backlog of Museum artifacts with the current staff resources would take approximately 25 years.